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APPREHENSION IN GREECE INCREASES

Over the Possibility of an Early Extension of German Operations to Greek Territory

PARLIAMENT MAY DECLARE MARTIAL LAW

To Muzzle the Opposition Press, Which Has Been Mercilessly Attacking the Government—Germans Claim to Have Retaken Hartmanns-Weilerkopf Together With 1,500 Prisoners—There Have Been Some Clashes in Galicia, With Successes on Both Sides—Germans and Russians Are Said to be Making Energetic Preparations for New Operations Early in the New Year.

London, Dec. 23, 10.15 p. m.—Hartmanns-Weilerkopf, the summit of which the Germans claim to have retaken together with over 1,500 prisoners, is the only point of first class activity on the western front while on the eastern fighting lines there has been little evidence of any disturbance in the Christmas lull in the past 24 hours.

There have been some clashes in Galicia, with minor successes on both sides and the Russian forces in Persia are fighting 27 miles from Tiflis. But the Balkan theater maintains a place of first importance in the war news despite the fact that there has been no severe fighting for several days.

The Greek public's uneasiness over the possibility of an early extension of German operations to Greek territory increases hourly and the Greek domestic situation is so ruffled that it is stated that parliament as soon as it meets will declare martial law in order to muzzle the opposition press which has been mercilessly attacking the government.

A Reuters despatch from Athens says that Germany is reported to have informed Greece that she hopes to reach Saloniki by January 15, promising at the same time, to evacuate Greek territory as soon as the task is finished.

HARVESTER EMPLOYEES BECOME PROFIT SHARERS.

Have an Opportunity to Purchase Profit Sharing Certificates.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—The International Harvester company today announced a plan to assist its 35,000 employees to become stockholders and sharers in the company profits.

Under the plan, which becomes effective tomorrow, all employees will have an opportunity to purchase profit sharing certificates in the company, payments for which will be made in monthly installments from their salaries. These certificates, it is stated, may be converted into stock at \$3 below the market value.

The profit sharing certificates range in denomination from \$50 to \$100. To every employee who takes advantage of the offer before March 1, 1916, the company will add to his payment 1 per cent. of his earnings annually.

Interest will be paid at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum on all employees' payments and credits on his profit sharing certificate. In addition to the annual dividends on stock, the employee will also pay to the company an amount equal to the extra dividends which he would receive to be charged to the entire excess of the net profits for each year prior to 1921 over an amount equal to 6 per cent. of the money invested in the company's business during the year were distributed pro rata to all holders of its common stock.

Provision is made for postponement of payments in case of illness or unavoidable layoff. Certificates can be turned into cash at the will of the employee. The plan will terminate in January, 1921.

GEN. WOOD REBUKES OFFICERS OF COURT MARTIAL.

For Acquiring Colonel Hirst, Who Had Private Chained to Telegraph Post.

New York, Dec. 23.—Charging that Colonel Robert L. Hirst caused a private named Hirst to be chained to a telegraph post for nine days while he was under arrest at Plattsburgh instead of confining him to the guard house, Major General Leonard Wood today in official orders, severely rebuked the officers comprising the court martial which tried and acquitted Colonel Hirst last Monday. Colonel Hirst was charged with "conduct to the prejudice to good order and military discipline."

The court martial arose from an altercation in which Colonel Hirst was struck in the face by a soldier when he entered a saloon to stop a row among some of the enlisted men. The court martial took place at Madison Barracks, N. Y., and was presided over by Colonel Wilbur F. Wiley of the Fifth cavalry.

TO INSURE LIVES OF ALL EMPLOYEES

Consumers' Company of Chicago, Dealers in Coal and Ice.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—Five thousand employees of the Consumers' company, dealers in coal and ice, were notified tonight by way of a Chicagoans' greeting that their lives henceforth will be insured at the expense of the company.

Employees of one year's service at least will leave insurance of one-fourth of their annual wage; two years' service one-half, and three or more years the full wage, but in no case more than \$2,000. Fred W. Upmum, the president, in making the announcement, added that a sick benefit plan would be placed in operation in connection with the insurance feature.

Cabled Paragraphs

Berlin Newspapers Comment on French War Loan.
Berlin, Dec. 23, 10.55 p. m.—The Berlin newspapers discuss the result of the recent French loan based on a despatch which says the Petit Parisien (Paris) estimates that about forty per cent. of the total represents cash subscriptions. On this estimate the German press regards the operation as amounting to a failure.

BAN ON AMERICAN MINING MACHINERY

By Chamber of Mines at Johannesburg, South Africa.

London, Dec. 23, 4.36 p. m.—An American mining machinery firm which does an extensive business in South Africa has received a letter from its South African manager stating that the chamber of mines at Johannesburg, which controls virtually all the mines in the country, had informed him that the British government is not to be allowed to do any further business with his company, on the ground that it was a company controlled by Germans, but is actually engaged in making munitions for the entente allies. The manager also has forwarded a strong protest to the state department at Washington. He says he attributes the presence of his company on the blacklist to the machinations of competitors.

LORD ROBERT CECIL DEFENDS THE FOREIGN OFFICE

Denied Rumors of Discussion in the Cabinet and Among the Allies.

London, Dec. 23, 9.31 p. m.—The most important session of the closing session of the house of commons, before the house adjourned tonight for the Christmas recess, were made by Lord Robert Cecil, under-secretary for foreign affairs, Walter Runciman, president of the board of trade and A. J. Balfour, first lord of the admiralty.

Lord Robert Cecil's speech was in the nature of a general defense of the foreign office. He denied rumors of discussion in the cabinet, of discussions among the allies, and of German influence in the foreign office. He announced that the foreign office would not issue a statement stating the principles on which the British blockade of Germany is based.

RUMORED HENRY FORD IS RETURNING TO UNITED STATES.

Despatch Says Doctor Ordered Him to Rest His Overworked Nerves.

Copenhagen, via London, Dec. 23, 10.37 p. m.—A despatch to the National Tidende from Christiania says that Henry Ford left Christiania secretly for Bergen, where he expects tonight to go aboard the Norwegian-American steamer Hergenhus in order to return to the United States. The despatch reports that the reason for Mr. Ford's sudden departure was said to be that his doctor had ordered him to rest his overworked nerves.

STANDARD OIL TANKER PICKS UP BARGE ADRIFT.

Is Towing It to Key West—One of Two Adrift Since Monday.

Key West, Dec. 23.—The Standard Oil tanker Bryndella has picked up the barge Detroit, one of the two lost in the gulf by the tug Daniel Willard during last Monday's storm and is towing it to Key West according to a wireless tonight. No word has been received from the coast guard cutter Tampa, said to be searching for the barges.

The Detroit carried a crew of six men and the City of San Antonio, the other barge, which broke loose, had five men aboard.

BRAND WHITLOCK GIVEN A CORDIAL GREETING

By More Than 400 Friends and Former Associates at Lotus Club Dinner.

New York, Dec. 23.—Brand Whitlock, United States minister to Belgium, was given a cordial greeting by more than 400 friends and former associates at a dinner in his honor at the Lotus club tonight.

In his address Mr. Whitlock discussed briefly the American ideal, declaring it was best exemplified by Lincoln.

HOPELESS DISAGREEMENT IN THE COUCH JURY.

Hartford Doctor Who Was on Trial for Manslaughter—Auto Struck Girl.

Hartford, Conn., Dec. 23.—The jury in the case of Dr. Arthur Couch of this city charged with manslaughter, disagreed tonight after six hours of deliberation, and was discharged. The jurors reported that they were "hopelessly disagreed." It is reported that they stood six to six. Bail for Dr. Couch was fixed at \$10,000. His automobile struck a girl and killed her on Oct. 8, causing injuries which resulted in death.

JAPANESE SHIP SUNK WAS A TREASURE SHIP.

Carried 25,000,000 Yen in Japanese Gold—Was Insured For 5,000,000 Yen.

Tokyo, Dec. 24.—The Japanese steamer Yusei Maru, which was sunk on Tuesday in the Mediterranean by a submarine, is said to have carried 25,000,000 yen in Japanese gold. The insurance on the vessel amounts to 5,000,000 yen.

The Nippon Yusen Kaisha, owners of the Yusei Maru, are discussing the feasibility of abandoning the route for future sailings of the vessel in favor of a route around the Cape of Good Hope.

KAISER'S CONDITION IS SAID TO BE SERIOUS.

Illness Due to Inflammation of the Cellular Tissue.

London, Dec. 24.—It is rumored in Berlin that the condition of Emperor William is very serious, says the Morning Post's Berlin correspondent, but that these rumors have been officially denied.

It was only when the rumor insisted that an operation for cancer was necessary in order to save the emperor's life, the correspondent adds that the physicians issued a bulletin denying that his illness was due to inflammation of the cellular tissue.

An Americans Leaving Juarez

ORDERED TO DO SO BY GENERAL PERSHING

MOBS ARE AT WORK

Government Financial Agency is Surrounded by a Mob Demanding Money—Border Patrol Handling Traffic on International Bridge.

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 23.—All Americans were ordered out of Juarez at 8.30 this evening. They were ordered to remain on the American side by General Pershing at the same time. Trampway traffic was discontinued. A mob was reported to have surrounded the government financial agency at Juarez demanding money. Mrs. Edwards, wife of the American consul at Juarez, was the first American to cross into the United States following the order, given out at military headquarters. Edwards left for the east several days ago.

The United States patrol immediately concentrated and traffic over the international drawbridges halted. No Americans were permitted to cross, the order of General J. J. Pershing, commanding the Eighth bridge at Fort Bliss, being rigidly enforced.

VILLA PREPARING TO INVADE NORTHERN SINALOA

Is Moving Southward With Remnants of Troops to Join General Rodriguez.

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 23.—General Francisco Villa, stripped of a large part of his army through surrender to the de facto government, is preparing to invade northern Sinaloa, together with the forces of General Jose Rodriguez in command of 2,000 troops, according to advices here late today.

General Villa, it was reported, is preparing to move southwest from the Bustillos ranch, in western Chihuahua, and pick up a small number of troops now under General Medina Villa near Madera.

General Rodriguez is said to be already moving from Casas Grandes toward San Antonio.

The information was received here through messages to Villa from some of his remaining generals, intercepted by a line man repairing wires between Chihuahua and Juarez.

Two employees of the Hearst ranch near Madera, where General Medina Villa is quartered, arrived here today and reported four others, two Americans, one Englishman and a German subject, were held prisoners by orders of General Villa, who has taken the ranch as his headquarters. The town of Madera sacked, they said.

IMPROVEMENTS OF NAVY'S SHIPS AND MACHINERY.

Handicapped During Last Year By the Lack of Funds.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Improvement of the machinery of the navy's ships and of the navy's machinery during the last year by lack of funds, according to the annual report of the bureau of steam engineering, made public tonight.

"The progressive reduction in appropriations for maintenance, coincident with an increase in the size of the fleet and of the navy's machinery, has been a serious handicap," said Rear Admiral R. S. Griff, engineer in chief, "has made it almost impossible to do anything more than to keep the present equipment in satisfactory condition. Improvements have rarely been possible, even where the necessity was clearly indicated."

The report points out that the European war has increased the cost of material. Deliveries also have been delayed and the report urges a big increase in stock in store to prevent similar delays in the future.

AMERICAN CONSULAR OFFICERS TO RETURN TO MEXICO

State Department Satisfied Carranza Government is in Control.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Unless unexpected developments intervene, all the American consular officers withdrawn recently from northern Mexico controlled by Villa upon the recognition of the Carranza government soon will resume their stations. Surrender of Villa's army in Chihuahua and the successful operations of Carranza forces in other sections have about satisfied state department officials that the Carranza government can be recognized with safety.

The whereabouts of Villa remains unknown at the state department.

MRS. VILLA AND PARTY TO SAIL FOR HAVANA.

Steamship Officials Say General Villa Is Not Booked for Passage.

New Orleans, Dec. 23.—General Francisco Villa, Mexican revolutionary leader, is not coming to New Orleans to sail for Cuba, according to state department officials today. His secretary M. B. Gonzalez, who arrived last night with Mrs. Hipolito Villa and several other members of the family, the general's wife said she and her party would not be within the state since the order was issued some weeks ago.

Mr. Bryan was subpoenaed to appear as a witness at a trial brought by Petros P. Tatanis against a Greek newspaper. The plaintiff wished to question Mr. Bryan as to whether certain secrets of gun fire control were divulged to officials of the Greek government when two American battleships were sold to Greece.

PHYSICAL RESEARCH LABORATORY FOR NAVY

Edison Furnishes Plans and Specifications to Cost \$1,400,000.

New York, Dec. 23.—Thomas A. Edison, today's meeting of the Naval Consulting board for the Brooklyn Navy yard, offered to furnish the board with plans and specifications for a laboratory of physical research to be located at the navy yard. Mr. Edison said he would prepare the plans at his expense. In announcing the project, Mr. Edison said he had referred it to other members of the board and that they had received it with enthusiasm.

Grip is Epidemic in Pennsylvania

PUBLIC IS CAUTIONED OF SERIOUSNESS OF SITUATION

15,000 CASES IN PHILA.

Death Rate in Philadelphia is More Than Double the Ordinary—Disease is Particularly Fatal to the Very Young and Very Old.

Philadelphia, Dec. 23.—The death rate from the epidemic of a gripe now sweeping the state has been so high that Samuel G. Dixon, state health commissioner, issued a statement at Harrisburg tonight calling attention to the seriousness of the situation and cautioned the public that the gripe must be avoided, "sacrifices must be made."

Keep Out of Crowded Places.

"Keep out of crowded places," Dr. Dixon says, "as one person having the gripe may give it to a carload of passengers."

In this city the bureau of vital statistics issued 650 burial permits during the first three days of this week, the majority of the deaths being due directly or indirectly to the gripe. This is more than double the ordinary death rate.

15,000 Cases in Pennsylvania.

It is estimated that nearly 15,000 persons in Philadelphia alone are suffering with the disease which has been particularly fatal to the very old and the very young. Attendance at all the public schools has been greatly reduced and in several sections of the state schools and colleges have been forced to close.

Industries Affected.

Factories, department stores and other business houses also have been affected and in many instances the number of employees obliged to remain at home has been so great as to seriously curtail operations.

Firemen and Policemen.

Hundreds of firemen and policemen are confined to their homes. Dr. Dixon reports that N. J. tonight that there are at least a thousand cases in that city with 50 deaths during the past week.

EFFORT TO BREAK WILL OF MRS. FRANK LESLIE

Failed When Application Was Denied by Surrogate Fowler.

New York, Dec. 23.—Application of heirs at law of Mrs. Frank Leslie's husband to have set aside the decree admitting her will to probate in order to institute a contest, was denied in a decision handed down today by Surrogate Fowler. Under Mrs. Leslie's will, \$2,000,000 was left to the woman's surviving movement. The surrogate finds the applicants who are neither next of kin nor heirs at law of Mrs. Leslie have no ground whatever for seeking a share of the estate.

In his decree Surrogate Fowler stamps as baseless allegations of reports that Leslie was the child of Charles Folliott of New Orleans and a slave woman. He declares "the origin, life and memory of the deceased lady is unjustly attacked. Such a claim seems to us now at this stage of time is a monstrous claim, but if not monstrous in law, to my mind the evidence purporting to support the claim is of the most inadequate and nebulous kind."

HENRY FORD EN ROUTE TO STOCKHOLM BY TRAIN

Invitation to Norwegian Friends of Peace Was Ignored.

Christiania via London, Dec. 23, 4.36 p. m.—Henry Ford, who was expected during his stay here and unable to attend the meetings of the peace mission, left this morning on the regular train to Stockholm. The other members of the party left later on a special train, with the exception of Governor L. R. Hanna of North Dakota, who proceeded to Copenhagen.

The invitation to Norwegian friends of peace to join the party has met with no response. The Christiania papers express doubt that a representative Norwegian would accept the invitation. Press and public are unanimous in giving praise to Mr. Ford for his good will and high idealism. The newspapers call him "a most congenial gentleman," but regret that he has not consulted experts on international law.

The general opinion voiced here is that the mission will do little towards promoting peace negotiations.

CONTEMPT PROCEEDINGS AGAINST W. J. BRYAN.

For Disregarding Subpoena to Appear Some Weeks Ago.

New York, Dec. 23.—The order requiring William Jennings Bryan, former secretary of state, to appear before a supreme court justice and show cause why he should not be judged in contempt of court for failure to obey a subpoena was today expedited into January 12, when attorneys told Justice Whitaker that Mr. Bryan had not been within the state since the order was issued some weeks ago.

Mr. Bryan was subpoenaed to appear as a witness at a trial brought by Petros P. Tatanis against a Greek newspaper. The plaintiff wished to question Mr. Bryan as to whether certain secrets of gun fire control were divulged to officials of the Greek government when two American battleships were sold to Greece.

REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT IN INDIA SPREADING

British Authorities Have Been Unable to Suppress It.

Berlin, Dec. 23 (By wireless to "Telegraph").—The Hamburg Fremdenblatt today prints a Constantinople dispatch which says:

"The revolutionary movement in India lately has assumed large dimensions. The British authorities have been unable to suppress it, despite the most energetic measures, great bitterness prevails among the native population after battles of the sort and joining the insurgents. Native troops which were ordered to attack the insurgents mutinied and attacked the British."

Condensed Telegrams

The Jewish Relief Fund reached a total of \$306,000.

Gen. Villa says he will take to the hills and stay there.

Great Britain is in the market for 500,000 eighteen pound shells.

Bari, Italy, is expected to be the seat of the Serbian government.

Cable communications between Tsingtau and Japan was restored.

The steamer California arrived from London with \$2,500,000 in gold.

The Lehigh Valley Railroad has asked for bids on 500 automobile cars.

Gen. Otto A. T. von Emmich, the conqueror of Liege, died at Hanover, Germany, aged 67.

Emperor William is slightly indisposed and has called off his strip to the western front.

A \$3,000,000 refinery will be erected at Savannah, Ga., by the Savannah Sugar Refining Co.

Capt. Franz Von Pappen, recalled German military attaché, sailed from New York for Germany.

The Italian ministry of marine officially denied reports that the battleship Dante Alighieri had been sunk.

Fifty persons died within two days of gripe and pneumonia at Camden, N. J. There are about 3,000 cases in the city.

Work was begun on the car repair sheds at the Illinois Central at New South Memphis. The sheds will cost \$200,000.

Great Britain will allow the exportation from Jamaica to the United States of dye-woods aggregating 4,700 tons.

Becoming insane at her home at Johnston, Pa., Mrs. Ralph Labrieff killed her 2 year old daughter, Katherine Margaret.

Kaiser Wilhelm accepted the resignation of Gen. Von Bissing, German ambassador of Belgium to take effect Jan. 1.

British officers at Salonica are living in German reports. Some of the staff officers live at the headquarters for Munich Beer.

The London Stock Exchange adopted a rule barring candidates for election to the exchange from being men of Austro-Hungarian birth as in eligible to membership.

Miss Jane Adams, greatly improved, returned to Hull House, Chicago, from a hospital, where she had been a patient for several weeks.

One hundred freight vessels, laden with 30,000,000 bushels of grain, are held up at Buffalo, N. Y., waiting for a railroad and elevator service.

The Portuguese ship Pero d'Alemo, which was wrecked on the New Jersey coast, was ashore on the New Jersey coast, and was towed and proceeded for New York in tow.

Col. Arthur C. Stevens, British army officer, and former editor of the "Cosmopolitan Magazine," is at the point of death in a Chicago poorhouse.

Marchese Giuseppe Della Chiesa, nephew of Pope Benedict, left Rome for the Italian front, having been commissioned an artillery lieutenant.

The American bark Ruth Star, of Boston, was towed into port at Durban, South Africa, in a disabled condition. Both masters were carried away.

When her husband sued for annulment of their marriage, Mrs. A. M. Hirst, of New York, obtained a divorce suit for \$10,000 for "housewife services."

Lloyd Bingham, a member of the Ford peace party, died of pneumonia at Christiania, Norway. He was the husband of Amelia Bingham, the actress.

Nearly 400 West Point cadets who have been granted leave over Christmas left last night before retreat. The men will be gone until December 31.

Ocean freight rates on cotton from Galveston, Tex., for Havre were advanced to \$2.40 per 100 pounds. Before the war the rate was from 40 to 60 cents.

Eight firemen, who were overcome by smoke, were rescued by comrades, when fire destroyed a six-story loft building in New York. The loss is about \$50,000.

William D. Pinkham, 27 years old, a clerk in a Rochester, N. Y., drug store, killed himself by hanging. He had been dependent for some time because of poor health.

After a quarrel with his wife over the Christmas presents for their two children, Frank Jennison, a railroad engineer, cut her throat at their home in Detroit, and then ended his own life.

John Murphy, who shot and seriously wounded William Martin at Ansonia, was held in the city court this morning on bonds of \$10,000 for a hearing next Thursday. Martin is at the Griffith hospital.

James J. Sullivan of Fall River, a member of the board of assessors, former councilman and member of the board of aldermen and a representative to the state legislature in the '90s, died Thursday afternoon.

Announcement that Chas. W. Knapp, publisher of the St. Louis Republic, will become associated with the management of the New York Times in the capacity of treasurer of the company, was made by Adolph S. Ochs, the publisher.

The injunction issued on December 8th, restraining the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad company from permitting passengers to carry intoxicating liquors when labelled as such, was made permanent at Charleston, W. Va. The case will be appealed.

President and Bride are in Seclusion

DECLINE INVITATIONS TO ATTEND CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES

COUPLE PLAYED GOLF

President Received a Communication From Secretary Lansing Relative to Foreign Affairs—Dictated Replies to Stenographer.

Hot Springs, Va., Dec. 23.—President William Howard Taft and his wife played golf today at work with his stenographer. He read Mr. Lansing's letter and enclosures and dictated replies to various letters forwarded here from the White House.

There is no present plan to have Col. E. M. House come here for a conference before leaving for Europe, as a special diplomatic representative, to discuss important questions with American ambassadors at the capital of belligerent powers. The president and his wife, however, are in constant communication.

Answering Congratulations. The president has directed that congratulations on his wedding set by rulers of foreign countries be acknowledged through the state department, and he is supervising personally the answering of similar messages from American diplomats abroad, officials in this country and personal friends.

Decline Invitations. The principal celebration of Christmas here will be held tomorrow night and the president and Mrs. Wilson have been urged to attend. The president has declined to attend the celebration at the Presbyterian church and to take tea with one of the cottagers were declined today.

Bridal Couple Play Golf. For the first time since their arrival the president and his wife played golf today. They went on the course while many of the other golfers were having a hard time of it. The president's score was 18, while Mrs. Wilson's was 19. The president is a beginner on the links, but, under the guidance of the president, is rapidly improving.

NET DEBT OF STATE

SEPT. 30 WAS \$11,920,002.54.

Comptroller's Report Shows Increase of Nearly a Million.

Hartford, Conn., Dec. 23.—The net debt of the state for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915, was \$11,920,002.54, as compared with \$10,561,293.92 the previous year, according to the annual report of the comptroller, Morris C. Webster, made public tonight.